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(57) Abstract: The present invention discloses the differential expression of golgin-245 in specific brain regions of Alzheimer's dis-
ease patients. Based on this finding, this invention provides a method for diagnosing or prognosticating a neurodegenerative disease,
in particular Alzheimer's disease, in a subject, or for determining whether a subject is at increased risk of developing such a disease.
Furthermore, this invention provides therapeutic and prophylactic methods for treating or preventing Alzheimer's disease and related
neurodegenerative disorders using a gene coding for golgin-245. A method of screening for modulating agents of neurodegenerative
diseases is also disclosed.